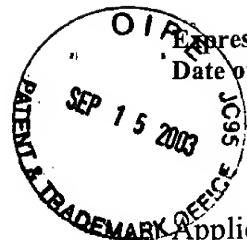


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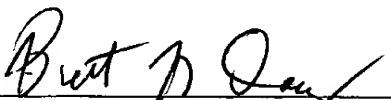
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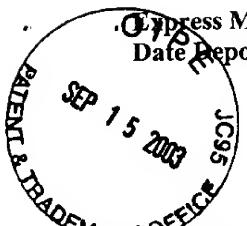
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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